(c) the main objectives for establishing this Cultural Centre?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) the main programmes of the centre relate to holding of festivals, workshops and cultural events.

(b) The centre has made efforts for cultural integration by organizing cultural festivals / seminars / exchanges and workshops where all the seven North-East States are associated. Cultural integration is also promoted through the National Cultural Exchange Programme under which performers & artisans from the North East are sent to other parts of the country and *vice-versa.*

(c) The main objectives for establishing the Cultural Centre are to create cultural awareness among people; to identify, nurture and promote the arts of the zone and to make special efforts to encourage folk and tribal arts.

Maintenance of Temples / Monuments

†189. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the MINISTER OF CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ancient temples in the country which fall under the category of national monuments along with State-Wise locations therof;

(b) the number of such monuments which have been declared as centrally preserved monuments out of them;

(c) the number of national monument temples which have been entrusted to the State Government for thier maintenance;

(d) the amount spent on the proper preservation of these temples during the last three years temples-wise; and

(e) the steps taken for the proper maintenance and rejuvenation of these temples and monuments?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The State-wise details of 3606 centrally protected monuments, which includes 1129 temples, is available in the Parliament Libarary.

(c) No temple which is centrally protected has been entrusted to the State Governmet for maintenance.

(d) the following expenditure has been incurred on the preservation of centrally protected temples during the last three years is:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Year	(Rs. in Lakhs)
1998-99	597.59
1999-2000	652.77
2000-2001	679.52

(e) Regular maintenance, structural repairs, chemical treatment and environmental development to the centrally protected temples and monuments is an ongoing process subject to availability of resources.

Protection of Monuments by Archaeological Survey of India

†190. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of monuments being protected by the Archaeological Survey of India as on date state-wise;

(b) the amount spent by Government for the protection/maintenance of these monuments during the last three years;

(c) the efforts made by Government to develop these monuments as tourist spots;

(d) whether some monuments are on the verge of collapse;

(e) if so, details thereof State-wise; and

(f) the steps being taken by Government for the protection of such monuments?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) There are three thousand six hundred and six centrally protected monuments with the Archaeological Survey of India. The detailed list is available in the Parliament House Library.

(b) the following expenditure has been incurred on the maintenance of centrally protected monuments in the last three years:

Year	Rs. in lakhs
1998-1999	2,913.09
1999-2000	2,873.56
2000-2001	2,917.65

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